

Area: Middle Verde River Basin

Location: The Verde River Basin drainage area between Clarkdale and the confluence of the Verde River and Fossil Creek in Yavapai and Coconino counties.

Local Organization: Upper & Middle Verde River Study

Local Participants: Clarkdale, Cottonwood, Camp Verde, Sedona, Coconino and Prescott National Forests.

Technical Support: Arizona Department of Water Resources, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, U.S. Geological Survey, University of Arizona, Northern Arizona University, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Salt River Project.

Objective: To facilitate an understanding of, and improve the decision-making for, the sustainable use of water resources in the Middle Verde River Watershed, through the following activities:

- Coordinate, cooperate, and collaborate in the identification, prioritization, and implementation of comprehensive policies and projects that foster sound water resource management in the Middle Verde River Watershed in order to achieve the following goals:
 - Develop a scope of work for a long-term hydrological study of the Middle Verde River Watershed.
 - Facilitate the collection of data and information, including past studies, on, or which affect, the water resources in the Middle Verde River Watershed. Data will be made available in a timely manner to the Upper & Middle Verde River Study for use by the parties.
 - Educate the public and governmental entities, including the Arizona State Legislature, on water resource issues and encourage stakeholder participation in water management decisions.
 - Facilitate the preparation of studies of the hydrology and hydrogeology of the Middle Verde River Watershed which aid in the understanding of the interaction between groundwater and surface water and their relationship with other resources and land use.
 - Develop a water budget and comprehensive ground and surface water models for the Middle Verde River Watershed for use by the Arizona Department of Water Resources and others for water resource management purposes.

Possible Cost Share Partners: Yavapai County, Clarkdale, Cottonwood, Camp Verde, U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Department of Agriculture.